

# Drayton Christian Reformed Church

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*"Sharing God's Grace and Hope"*



*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent  
December 2, 2018*

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## Drayton Christian Reformed Church

**NURSERY** is available downstairs for children up to 3 years old.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children, **ages 3 to Grade 4** are welcome to join us downstairs for Sunday School.

**SERMON REVIEW:** After the congregational prayer, **Grades 5 through 8** leave for a review of the sermon. Questionnaire booklets are found at the back of the sanctuary.

**Large Print Psalter Hymnals** and **Large Print Order of Worship programs** are available.

Please contact an usher if you wish to use one.

*Welcome* to worship today! A special welcome if you are visiting with us! Together we look forward to experiencing the Triune community of Father, Son and Holy Spirit through our worship and fellowship.



**December 2 ~** Today we are privileged to gather for worship on the **First Sunday of Advent**. Since we hope to celebrate the Lord's Supper next week Sunday, Lord willing, our time of worship will include **Lord Supper Preparatory**. This morning **Markus Frei** will briefly share of his ministry through Empower Global in Haiti. The service is led by **Pastor Paul Droogers**.

**Ministerial Christmas Skate** ~ This afternoon from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. everyone is invited to join us at the PMD Arena for a free skate. Refreshments will be provided.



**December 9 ~** Next week on the **Second Sunday in Advent** we look forward to welcoming **Pastor Vic Vandermolen** back to Drayton, Lord willing, who will lead us in our **Lord Supper Celebration**. Pastor Paul is scheduled to lead worship at the Owen Sound CRC by way of Classical Appointment. Owen Sound entered into a time of vacancy this past September after Pastor Harry Zantingh accepted the call to First CRC or Red Deer, Alberta.



**Coffee:** Please join us for coffee and fellowship after our worship this morning.

### Offerings:

**December 2:**                    1: Budget                    2: Huron Campus Ministries

*Our Vision: Huron Campus Ministry is a Christ-centered fellowship that is celebrating the Lordship of Jesus Christ, growing in faith, building community, and engaging campus, bearing witness to God's love for this world*

**December 9:**                    1: Budget                    2: Community Christian School Bursary Fund

*A Christian education turns mirrors into windows. Our mission is to educate children in a respectful, nurturing Christian community through Christ-centered programs. Let us support this school with our gifts today to help provide tuition assistance to those who need it. Please give generously.*

**Lord's Supper Offering: Barnhoorns**

**Collections Received: ~ November 25, 2018 ~ Teen Challenge**

### **Stewardship Thought:**

*"If there be any truer measure of a person by what he or she does, it must be by what they give."*

~ Robert South

Drayton Christian Reformed Church  
Sunday, December 2, 2018  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Droogers  
Music Leader: dk & D  
Lord Supper Preparatory

## *First Sunday in Advent*

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;  
shout for joy before the Lord, the King."*

~ Psalm 98: 4, 6

### Gathered by God's Spirit

Welcome

Announcements

\*Gathering Songs:

"Agnus Dei," SongSelect

"Jesus Messiah," SongSelect

\*Silent Prayer ending with:

"God Himself Is with Us," GPH #244: 1

\*God's Greeting

\*Opening Song of Praise:

"From the Inside Out," SongSelect

### Renewed by God's Grace

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

Holy Living Instruction:

Lord Supper Preparation

Song of Preparation:

"Come as You Are," SongSelect

Sunday School Dismissal:

Markus Frei

Children say - "The peace of Christ be with you."

**All say - "And also with you."**

***Prayer of blessing after which children, ages 3 to Grade 4, leave for Sunday School***

### Equipped by God's Truth

Bible Reading:

Psalm 98

Sermon:

**A Rule Worth Singing**

\*Song of Response:

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come," GPH #337

Haiti Ministry Update:

Markus Frei

### Received by God's Mercy

Prayers of the People

***Youth, Grade 5 to Grade 8, leave for Sermon Review***

### Sent by God's Spirit

Offerings:

1. Drayton CRC Budget 2. Huron Campus Ministries

Ministry of Music:

"Who You Say I Am"

\*Closing Song:

"I Can Only Imagine," SongSelect

\*God's Blessing

\*Doxology:

"O Praise the Name," SongSelect

\*Indicates: please rise in body or spirit

Let every



prepare  
him room

## Church Family

Please remember in your prayers those who are confined to their homes.

This past week **Grace G.** remained hospitalized in the Intensive Care Unit at Kitchener's Grand River Hospital. Her condition seems to have stabilized; she is now able to breathe on her own. Due to swallowing difficulties Grace has received a feeding tube. Pray continual improvement for Grace, wisdom for the medical team and strength for Bert and the family.

After experiencing a stroke last Friday, **Jerry H.** received care to stabilize his condition at Guelph's General Hospital this past week. On Friday he was transferred to Grand River Hospital's Freeport Campus in Kitchener to begin his therapy and rehabilitation. Pray for therapy effectiveness and for daily encouragement including strength for Lucy and the family.

## Celebrations

### Happy Birthday to ...

Monday: Tom D.  
Tuesday: Shaelyn W.  
Wednesday: Sean K.  
Thursday: Devin M.  
Friday: Jeff D., Wes V.  
Saturday: Jitske D.



### Happy Anniversary ...



Sunday: Sijtse P. & Jitske D.  
Thursday: Bert & Ria B.

## Church Calendar

**Sunday:** ~ Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. ~ Lord's Supper Preparatory  
~ Sunday School ages 3 to Grade 8  
~ **Free Skating** from 2 – 4 p.m. hosted by Drayton area Church Ministries

**Monday:** ~ GEMS from 7 – 9 p.m.

**Tuesday:** ~ Council Meets at 8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** ~ Coffee Break Morning at 9:45 a.m.

**Thursday:** ~ Youth Group /Catechism from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Next Sunday:** ~ Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. ~ **Lord's Supper**  
~ Sunday School ages 3 to Grade 8

## Youth Group/Catechism

**Regular Meeting:** Youth Group meets this Thursday, December 6, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.



The date of the Progressive Dinner is **Thursday, December 20.** Don't forget to buy a gift for the gift exchange.



## From Council and Committees

**Council Meeting** is scheduled for this coming Tuesday, December 4, starting at 8:00 p.m. Any council member unable to be present is asked to please let Chair Person Alfred know.

**Ladies' Brunch:** You are invited to **brunch on Wednesday December 19** from 9:45 11:00 a.m. Join us as we celebrate the joys of Christmas together! Feel free to bring a dish to share, or just come out and enjoy the fellowship and fun we always have at Coffee Break!! All ladies welcome!! Ask Teresa R. for more details.



**College and University Students (Or Parents):** In the upcoming months, we will be sending out care packages to all our Young Adults studying at colleges and universities near and far. Please help us in this ministry by emailing the following information to [secretary@draytoncrc.org](mailto:secretary@draytoncrc.org) 1: Name of Student. 2: Name of College/University. 3: Program of Study. 4: Mailing Address. 5: A recent photo to be used in a slide show for an upcoming church service. You can also find a form to fill out in your mail slot or on the book case beside the mail slots. Please also find a form in your mail boxes today with details asking for help to fill these care packages. Please return completed forms to Ange Hessels' mail slot or the church office.

### **Worship Committee:**

- The **Worship Committee** is continually seeking to improve the worship service video recording ministry within our church. For the committee to ensure this ministry is sustainable and able to provide a blessing, more videographers are needed. The committee would like to point out that currently there is no one scheduled for December, January and February. Please contact any committee member or chair person Yvonne Vandenberg if you believe God's gifted you with skill and interest to help. Also ... once service recordings have been made "closed" YouTube links (not available to the public) can be provided. If you would like to receive the link, please let committee chair person Yvonne know.
- **Worship Committee** is currently coordinating efforts with the Committee of Stewards to have a **new floor** installed at the front of the church sanctuary, this week, in preparation for our new organ console installation in December.
- **Worship Committee** would like to thank everyone continually providing **hymn titles** and references to be used in worship services. Thank you for placing these in the Worship Committee mailbox. Please know we are committed to including these favourites in our orders of service as space, theme and music leadership provides opportunity.

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**PLEASE NOTE from Disability Concerns:** It is extremely important that **each** church school leader (Sunday School, GEMS, Cadets, Youth Group, Nursery etc.), staff member and volunteer from **every** committee view the AODA videos. **(The link is below.)** There is a duo tang in the council room for people to sign when they have viewed it. Some people (a lot) are on more than one committee so you need to sign a few times on the appropriate pages. We need all your signatures.



LINK: [www.ohrc.on.ca/en/learning/working-together-code-and-aoda](http://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/learning/working-together-code-and-aoda)

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## Requested Announcements



### Woodland Christian High School News:

**Grade 8 Day & Parent Information Night:** All Grade eight students are invited to attend **Grade 8 Day** at Woodland Christian High School on **Thursday, December 6th, 2018** from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM at the school. This is an opportunity to visit classes, meet students and teachers. The day is planned to be an introduction to the opportunities available in an excellent Christian high school program. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Transportation may be available. Please call the school ([519 648 2114](tel:5196482114)) for more information or visit our website: [www.woodland.on.ca](http://www.woodland.on.ca).

**Parent Information Night:** Please mark **Thursday, December 6th from 7:30-9:30 PM** on your calendar for Woodland's Parent Information Night. Come learn about our school program, meet teachers, and learning about busing and tuition. Other information Open Houses will be held in the new year if you cannot attend in December. You can also call the school and arrange a personal tour (519-648-2114 or [woodland.on.ca](http://woodland.on.ca))

**Christmas Concert:** You are invited to join the Woodland Christian High School community on **Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 pm** for our annual Christmas concert. A variety of performances will be presented as we celebrate the Christmas season and the musical gifts of our students. Please come and enjoy this evening with us.

**Boterkoek:** Jenna D. is selling Boterkoek to fund raise for her mission trip with NEXO to the Dominican Republic over Christmas Break! They are homemade delicious Dutch butter cake and are being sold for \$10 each. If you would like to support her on her trip, please fill out the form in your mail slot by next Sunday (December 2), they will be available on December 8/9. If you have any questions, you can reach her at [jduimering@icloud.com](mailto:jduimering@icloud.com) or 226-989-4179.

**CCS Apple Pie Fundraiser:** Do you enjoy baking? Sitting and socializing with others while peeling apples? **We would love your help!!!** Community Christian School is having an apple pie fundraiser and is preparing the pies on Friday, **December 7 from 9-2ish?** Even if you can just come out for a couple hours, that is greatly appreciated!! Invite a friend to come out! The pie shells will be done the day before, so we will be getting apples ready and preparing all the pies. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tamara, Sonia, Rachel R or Cynthia! Hope we will see you there!!

**Dutch Christmas Service:** Come join us at Knox Presbyterian Church in Listowel on **Saturday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m.** for a Christmas Worship Service in the Dutch Language with singing of familiar Dutch Christmas Carols and refreshments following the service.

**Dutch Christmas Carol Service @ Emmanuel Reformed Church, 170 Clarke St. N. Woodstock. Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 3 p.m.** Meditation by Rev. Ralph Koops. Refreshments following the service. See you then!





You are invited to join the students and staff of **Community Christian School** for their **Christmas Program** on **Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Drayton Christian Reformed Church**. We look forward to seeing you.

**CONGREGATE DINING PROGRAMS 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.** People of all faiths welcome! Presentations are free and begin at 12:30 p.m. Come for lunch @ noon for just \$12. Please register by calling 519-638-1000 or toll free 1-866-446-4546. **Drayton Reformed Church, Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.** Christmas Choir; The Christian Community School Choir will be providing musical entertainment and hoping you will join in the singing with our youth.

### News from North America

**A SAVIOR FORETOLD** - We find the first talk of a Savior and the first indicator of Christmas while Adam and Eve are still in the Garden of Eden. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 3:14-15 to allow the context from which God's promise of a Savior emerges to broaden our understanding of Christ's birth. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**HONOR YOUR FATHER** - Do you know why Liz has been kicked out of baseball camp? Find out the real reason on this week's Kids Corner. Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Check out KC's Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar and Devotional and invite your whole family to join you in giving daily gifts of kindness. [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net)

**The Jesse Tree: A Family Devotional and Craft for Advent** - Enjoy a fun and informative Advent activity to go along with December's Today devotional. You can download the devotional and Christmas ornaments at [backtogo.net/downloads](http://backtogo.net/downloads)

**Israel & Jordan Study Tour (Oct 10-22, 2019)** - Travel to sites connected with Jesus' life and the early church: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesarea, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, the major biblical places in Jerusalem, Masada and much more. This tour also uniquely involves key biblical sites in Jordan, including the amazing city of Petra. Contact Dr. Jeff Weima at [wemje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:wemje@calvinseminary.edu) or 616-328-3110.

**Advent is Uzima! with World Renew** - Uzima is the Swahili word meaning, "fullness of life." You can help a person, family, and community begin to experience the fullness of life God intends for them through World Renew's 2018-2019 Gift Catalogue. Include a gift of enough food, better health, or literacy on your Christmas list this year. Give at [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts) or call 800-730-3490. Give by December 2 to receive your acknowledgement cards before Christmas!

### *Words of Encouragement:*

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." ~ Matthew 11:28-30*

**Keeping in Touch....** The following are asked to send a note of encouragement to:

**Nitin & Ruth Sardar**..... Elden & Julie  
 ~ email: [nrsardar@gmail.com](mailto:nrsardar@gmail.com)

**Jonathan & Janice Barnhoorn**..... Bert & Teresa  
 email: [jbarnhoorn@crnapartners.org](mailto:jbarnhoorn@crnapartners.org)

**Kathleen Lauder** ..... Richard & Janette  
 ~ email: [klauder@worldrenew.net](mailto:klauder@worldrenew.net) ~ skype: kathleen\_lauder

**Mark & Heather Knetsch**..... John & Nanda  
 ~ email: [pastormark@reslifenc.org](mailto:pastormark@reslifenc.org) ~ Phone: 919-482-2382

<b>Serving Elders and Deacons for December:</b>	Julie Doug Ryan Sid Teresa Grace		
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<b>Back West</b> <b>Back East</b> <b>Back Centre</b> <b>Upstairs</b>	<b>Ushers</b> Albert Ryan Alfred Francis	<b>Serving in Foyer</b> Dec 2 - Arnold Dec 9 - Phil Dec 16 - Tyson	<b>Floating Greeters:</b> Dec 2 - Steve Dec 9 - Steve Dec 16 - Doug & Sandy
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	<b>December 2, 2018</b>	<b>December 9, 2018</b>
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<b>Greeters</b>	Doug & Sandy	Steve & Pat
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<b>Coffee Servers</b>	John & Rita Kevin & Candace	Adam & Cynthia Eric & Tara
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<b>Sound System</b>	Tony	Maynard
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<b>Power Point</b>	Tom	Nathan
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<b>Hall Monitor</b>	MaryAnn	Teresa
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<b>Library</b>	Julie	Alice
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<b>Joel SS Assistant</b>	Aidan	Becca
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<b>Gr. 5/6 SS</b>	Corrina	Alfred
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<b>Gr. 7/8 SS</b>	Francis	Paula Parker
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<b>Nursery</b>	Jennifer Katie Julie Meagan	Jenn Katie Julie Meagan
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<b>Little Lambs</b>	Becca Jason	Becca Jason
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<b>Subs</b>	Lori Finley	Lori Finley
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<b>Nursery Parents</b>	December: Eddie & Lauren	
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<b>Bingo at the Terrace</b>	December 5: Joyce; December 19: Lucy & Rita K	
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<b>Royal Terrace</b>	December 2:	December 9: Reformed Church; December 16: Mary
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